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# H. R. 3618

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of assistance for providing automobiles to certain disabled veterans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 1998

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. CARSON, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. DOYLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disabled Veterans  
5 Automobile Allowance Improvement Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE FOR AUTO-**  
2 **MOBILE AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR**  
3 **CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.**

4 (a) INCREASE.—Section 3902(a) of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by striking out “\$5,500” and in-  
6 serting in lieu thereof “\$6,837”.

7 (b) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Section  
8 3902 of such title, as amended by subsection (a), is fur-  
9 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 section:

11 “(e)(1) With respect to the fiscal year beginning on  
12 October 1, 1999, the Secretary shall provide a percentage  
13 increase in the amount payable under subsection (a) equal  
14 to the percentage by which the percentage increase in the  
15 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (U.S. city  
16 average) for new motor vehicles for the 12-month period  
17 ending June 30, 1999, exceeds such Index for the 12-  
18 month period ending June 30, 1998.

19 “(2) With respect to any fiscal year beginning on or  
20 after October 1, 2000, the Secretary shall pay, in lieu of  
21 the amounts payable under paragraph (1), the amounts  
22 payable under this subsection for the previous fiscal year  
23 and shall provide, for any such fiscal year, a percentage  
24 increase in such rates equal to the percentage by which—

25 “(A) the percentage increase in the Consumer  
26 Price Index for all urban consumers (U.S. city aver-

1       age) for new motor vehicles for the 12-month period  
2       ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning of  
3       the fiscal year for which the increase is made, ex-  
4       ceeds

5               “(B) such Index for the 12-month period pre-  
6       ceding the 12-month period described in paragraph  
7       (1).”.

8       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9       subsection (a) shall apply with respect to assistance fur-  
10      nished to a disabled veteran under section 3902 of such  
11      title on or after October 1, 1998.

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